

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson, John Lor and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

UPDATE

Update by City Manager Peters during a City Declaration of Emergency regarding COVID-19.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, July 28, 2020:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2020-2022 licensing period.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license of Wisconsin Apple, LLC, d/b/a Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 4745 Golf Road, from Joshua A. Michal to Ryan Sell.
- Granting a Class A Cabaret license to Gruen's Hobbsy's LLC, d/b/a Hobbsy & Me, 3620 Locust Lane, Lisa Gruen, agent.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Cabaret licensed premise of Gruen's Hobbsy's, LLC, d/b/a Hobbsy & Me, 3620 Locust Lane, to include a fenced-in area for a two-day Class Reunion event on August 14 & 15, 2020.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class A Cabaret licensed premise of Caribou Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Milwaukee Burger Company, 2620 E. Clairemont Avenue, to include a fenced-in outdoor seating area with music from July 29, 2020 through September 30, 2020.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2020-37, City-Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Declaring land at 1805 Menomonie Street (04-0304) excess land and authorizing the sale to the Flying Eagles Ski Club, Inc.
- Declaring land at 0 Arthur Street (15-3096) excess land and authorizing the sale to Mark W. Held.
- Adopting the Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual report for EDA-Funded Loan Fund.

- Receiving a petition and directing the City Engineer to prepare a report in accordance with Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street improvements to Mercury Avenue, from Eddy Lane to end of property.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

KSM FARMS PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the acquisition of vacant land known as KSM Farms # 2579, situated in the Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with Hy-Vee in order to apply for the Idle Sites Grant with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in support of a new project. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with HK Development LLC for street and utility improvements within the Lorch Avenue development. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SCS EAU CLAIRE

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for SCS Eau Claire located west of Kane Road, south of the North Crossing (File P-2-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with S.C. Swiderski, LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of SCS Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to amend” the development agreement by deferring sidewalk on the west side of Kane Road as the owner of the property adjacent to the street elects to provide an alternative pedestrian facility which is acceptable and approved. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution with amended development agreement.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WOODLANDS III

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for the Woodlands III located north of Sundet Road and east of Bean Road (File P-6-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Healthcare Development & Capital Associates LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Woodlands III. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to amend” the development agreement by deferring sidewalk along Bean Road and along the northerly stub of right-of-way of Woodland Drive north of the intersection with City Line Road as construction of sidewalk is not feasible or practical due to topographical or other physical constraints. Said motion was withdrawn.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET VACATION

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the vacation of a portion of Babcock Street, from Madison Street to Cameron Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SAFE ROUTES TO PARKS

The City Council considered a resolution approving the City of Eau Claire Safe Routes to Parks Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend” the resolution by adding the following amendments to the City of Eau Claire Safe Routes to Parks Plan:

1. On page 42, Strategies for Demmler Neighborhood Park, item #3 read “Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle safety features along State Street, Washington Street, South Farwell Street, and Harding Avenue.” and;
2. On page 46, Key Amenities for Fairfax Park & Pool, that “Community garden” be added and;
3. On page 98, Recommended City-wide Strategies, that the following strategy be added, “Consider the installation of bicycle detection at traffic signals as they are upgraded. (short-term/medium term.)”

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution as amended.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SITE PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving a site plan in a P-Public district to allow for lighting improvements and other site improvements to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Simpson Field (File PZ-2005). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

2021-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The City Council considered a resolution extending the Emergency Declaration in the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located on the west side of Babcock Street between W. Madison Street and Cameron Street; from R-4 to CBDP and to adopt the general development plan with site plan for the LE Phillips Senior Center (Z-1671-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 1000 West Clairemont Avenue from C-2H to C-3P and to adopt the general development plan with a site plan for a commercial building (Z-1672-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located to the northwest of Oxford Avenue and Cameron Street and to amend the general development plan for Phase II for an apartment building with a reduced setback for a project known as ‘The Current’, formerly the Cannery Trail Residences (File Z-1639-19 Amd).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 100 North Farwell Street (Railroad Lot) from P-Public to CBDP and to adopt the general development plan with a site plan for a mixed use building (Z-1674-20).

ANNEXATIONS

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2040 Preston Road, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-5A (Schunk Annexation).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at Lot 1, Block 3 of Golfview Addition, Harless Road, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-6A (Holzinger Annexation).

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City Council had first reading on a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 9.38 entitled “Smoking” and other various ordinances of the City of Eau Claire as it relates to vaping and the use of electronic smoking devices.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: July 28, 2020

Time: 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk